

RESERVATIONS OF PUBLIC LANDS IN FLORIDA.

LETTER

FROM

THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,

TRANSMITTING

*A document, showing what reservations of public lands in Florida have been made, &c.*

JANUARY 23, 1844.

Read, and laid upon the table.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,  
January 23, 1844.

SIR: In obedience to the resolution of the House of Representatives, adopted on the 10th instant, requiring the Commissioner of the General Land Office "to report to this House what reservations of public lands in Florida have been made, and the dates at which the land officers of the appropriate districts were officially informed of said reservations," I have the honor to transmit, herewith, document A, containing the information called for.

With great respect, your obedient servant,  
THO. H. BLAKE, *Commissioner.*

Hon. JOHN W. JONES,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

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## A.

*Statement showing the reservations of public lands in Florida, in pursuance of the instructions of the War and Navy Departments, and the dates at which the land officers of the appropriate districts were officially informed of said reservations.*

Lands reserved.	Acres.	Date of the instructions to the proper officers, requiring reservations to be made.
Cantonment Brooke, 16 miles square, at the head of Tampa Bay, equal to - - - -	163,840	December 10, 1830.
Pensacola navy-yard and barracks, 8 sections and fractional sections, containing - - - -	2,316	October 10, 1829, and January 15, 1838.
Pensacola bay, on the peninsula opposite the navy-yard, 15 sections and fractional sections - - - -	3,711.05	January 15, 1838.
Island of St. Rosa, at Pensacola bay, unsurveyed - -	-	April 26, 1838.
St. Augustine, certain lots therein for military purposes -	-	Reserved by 1st section of the act approved June 28, 1832.
Post at Pilatka, on the St. John's river, and Dunn's lake, 100 sections and fractional sections, containing - -	77,566	February 23, 1841.
Cedar Keys, near the mouth of the Suwannee river, unsurveyed - - - -	-	March 4, 1840.
Cedar Keys, and other islands near the coast of Florida, were ordered to be held in reservation by a letter from the War Department of 21st September, 1842, to the General Land Office; and, in a letter, 11th November, 1843, from the same department, it is stated that it is "deemed safest to continue for the present the reservation from sale of all islands in the Gulf," &c. -	-	November 20, 1843.
St. Rosa sound, east of the east end of St. Rosa island, unsurveyed - - - -	-	February 14, 1842.
Foster's bank, Pensacola bay, west of St. Rosa island, unsurveyed - - - -	-	" "
Perdido bay, east side, 1 fractional section, contents not given - - - -	-	" "
Fort St. Carlos, near Fernandina, Amelia island, 3 fractional sections - - - -	419.96	" "
Fort King, 4 miles square, equal to - - - -	10,240	September 24, 1842.
Military reserve, near the entrance of St. Joseph's bay, 5 fractional sections - - - -	1,172.40	November 17, 1838.
Light-house near St. Mark's, at Ocilla point, part unsurveyed - - - -	-	May 18, 1829, and November 17, 1838.
Apalachicola arsenal, 8 sections and fractional sections, containing - - - -	1,713	November 3, 1832, and March 12 and November 8, 1833.
Light-house near the entrance of St. Joseph's bay -	10	November 17, 1838.
Light-house at Mosquito inlet, 5 to 10 acres on each side thereof to be surveyed - - - -	20	July 30, 1842.

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Reservations for live oak, as follows:					
Part of section.	Sect'n.	Township.	Range.		
Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 - - - -	4	3 S.	29 W.	} October 23, 1830.	
Lots 1, 2, on Pensacola bay - -	5	3 S.	29 W.		
Lots 1, 2, 3, on St. Rosa sound - -	9	3 S.	29 W.		
Section - - - - -	21	8 S.	10 E.	} February 1, 1832.	
Section - - - - -	28	8 S.	10 E.		
Section - - - - -	29	8 S.	10 E.		
Section - - - - -	32	8 S.	10 E.		
West half of township - - - -	-	9 S.	10 E.		
On St. Andrew's bay:					
140 acres (estimated by live oak agent) on the west side of the sound and bay, below West bay - - - -				November 8, 1832.	
70 acres (estimated by live oak agent) on the same side, above West bay - - - -				" "	
50 acres at the head of the north arm on Bear creek, Cedar creek, and Econfina - - - -				" "	
412 acres on the east side of the north arm, down to the basin -				" "	
6 acres on the north side of the basin - - - -				" "	
657 acres on the north side of the east arm - - - -				" "	
364 acres on the south side of the east arm - - - -				" "	
28 acres on the tongue of land between the sound and the east arm, fronting the basin - - - -				" "	
60 acres on the east side of the sound - - - -				" "	
All the lands one mile back from the water, on the north side of East bay, at the head of the bay of St. Mary de Galvez. The same extent on the south side of the bay of St. Mary de Galvez. Do. on the main on St. Rosa sound. Do. around Choctawhatchie bay. Do. on the west side of St. Andrew's bay, below the west arm of that bay. Do. on the west side of the north arm of St. Andrew's bay, above the west arm of that bay. Do. on the east side of the north arm of St. Andrew's bay. Do. on the north side of the east arm of St. Andrew's bay, up to a point five miles below the head of that arm of the bay. Do. on the south side of the east arm of St. Andrew's bay, up to a point five miles below the head of that arm of the bay. Do. on the tongue of land between the east arm of St. Andrew's and sound fronting the basin of the bay. Do. on the east side of St. Andrew's sound. Do. on the coast opposite Crooked island, at the east entrance into St. Andrew's sound. Do. on the main, bordering St. Vincent's sound, and the whole of St. Vincent's island - - - -					
Fractional sections 37 and 38, and section 39, of fractional township 1 S., range 27 W.; fractional sections 5, 6, 19, 20, 21, of fractional township 2 S., range 26 W.; fractional sections 1, 2, 3, 18, 19, 28, 30, of fractional township 2 S., range 27 W.; fractional sections 20, 23, 24, 25, 28, 30, and section 29, of fractional township 2 S., range 28 W.; fractional section 25 of fractional township 2 S., range 29 W. -					
Date of the instructions to the proper officers, requiring reservations to be made.					

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Sections and fractional sections.	Township.	Range.	
Fractional sections 1 and 12 - - - -	2 S.	24 W.	November 19, 1834.
25 and 36 - - - -	1 S.	24 W.	
4, 6, 7, 18, and section 5 - - -	2 S.	23 W.	
30, 31, 34, 35, 36 - - - -	1 S.	23 W.	
9, 10, 14, 16, 19, 20, 30, and sections 23, 25, 26 - - - -	1 S.	22 W.	
22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 -	1 S.	21 W.	
19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, and sec. 24	1 S.	20 W.	
27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 36 -	1 S.	19 W.	
7, 13, 14, 10, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 -	5 S.	12 W.	
Section 31 - - - -	4 S.	12 W.	
Fractional sections 1, 2, 3, 11, 12 - - -	3 S.	15 W.	
5, 8, 9, 10, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36, and section 27 -	4 S.	14 W.	
3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 28, 34, 35, and section 25 - - - -	5 S.	13 W.	
1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 18, 19 -	3 S.	14 W.	
2, 3, 11, 12 - - - -	5 S.	14 W.	
19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 35, and 36, and section 26 - - - -	4 S.	13 W.	
20 and 31 - - - -	2 S.	13 W.	
17, 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30, 34, 36	2 S.	15 W.	
13, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 35, 36, and section 32 - - -	2 S.	14 W.	

This statement includes all the reservations of public lands in Florida, as far as known to this office.

GENERAL LAND OFFICE,  
January 23, 1844.